

COUNCIL BRIEFS

July 3, 2015

Library now offers Freegal, a digital music library: Excellent news for music lovers, your public library now offers online access to over seven million songs! This includes the Sony Music Entertainment catalog of legendary artists and over 28,000 music labels from 101 different countries. Freegal features an easy-to-use website, Mp3 files that can be played on any device including iPods, simultaneous access to all music, new releases of chart topping music, and an Apps for iOS or Android mobile devices. Registered cardholders of the West Hartford Public Library can download a select number of Freegal Music MP3 files each week at no cost.

Three programs to keep Tweens & Teens busy this summer: The Bridge Family Center developed three programs to keep teens and tweens busy this summer. The first is the College and Career Club, a drop-in program for 10th to 12th graders that meets on Tuesdays from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM at Pepe's Pizza now through August 18. The program offers resume building, volunteer opportunities, college tours, pizza, and more.

Secondly, the Teen Center at Elmwood Community Center heads to Beachland Park for pick-up basketball and burgers from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM on Mondays and Wednesdays now through August 26. Thirdly, a Summer Mentoring Program features individual mentoring and field trips on Thursdays now through August 20. All three programs hope to keep teens and tweens active, entertained and safe this summer. For more information, call the Bridge at 521-8035.

West Hartford: A Photographic History: The West Hartford Art League will be holding a photography exhibit in the fall that exemplifies all aspects of West Hartford, past and present, and is looking for photography submissions from you. All photographs will be returned to their owners. For more information, go to <http://westhartfordart.org/upcoming-exhibitions>.

Beachland Pool is getting a complete makeover! Much needed improvements to the outdoor pool at Beachland Park are underway. The brand new pool will feature a zero-depth entry, making it fully handicapped accessible. The new bathhouse will be equipped with modern bathrooms, lockers and showers. Additional parking and a designated drop-off / pick-up area will be created for convenience and safety. And for the little ones, a brand new spray pad is being installed! The construction will continue throughout the summer and will be ready for summer 2016.

Outdoor Pools are Open! The outdoor pools at Kennedy, Fernridge, Eisenhower parks are open daily for public swimming, including Saturday, July 4th. Wolcott Park spray pad is open as well. [Click here](#) for information on swim times, swim lessons, pool passes and fees.

Holiday Closings: The Recycling Center at Brixton Street will be closed on Friday, July 3, Saturday, July 4 and Sunday, July 5. There is no delay in the collection of trash and recyclables.

All West Hartford library locations will be closed on Friday, July 3, and Saturday, July 4 for Independence Day.

Town Hall will be closed on Friday, July 3.

Elmwood Community Center and the two Senior Centers will be closed on July 3 and 4.

Nighttime paving of Trout Brook Drive: The Town plans to mill Trout Brook Drive from Farmington Avenue to the Boulevard starting at 6PM on Sunday, July 19 and ending at 6AM on Monday, July 20. Two rounds of paving will follow with the first course being done from 6PM on Monday, July 20 through 6AM on Tuesday, July 21, and then the second and final course of pavement will be installed from 6PM on Tuesday, July 21 to 6AM on Wednesday, July 22.

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